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## Increased water releases from Dworshak prompt caution on river

**Orofino, Idaho** -- Fishers and boaters on the North Fork and main stem of the Clearwater River should be especially careful due to increased flows starting late tonight out of the Dworshak Reservoir, according to an Army Corps of Engineers recreation official.

"We're going to start increasing discharges of water from the reservoir through the powerhouse beginning at 10 p.m. this evening," said the Corps' Dworshak Park Manager Paul Pence. "We'll gradually increase flows from 1,800 cubic feet per second as they were today at noon, to 3,500 cfs overnight. We'll boost them again at 7 a.m. Wednesday (June 14, 2000) to 4,000 cfs and again at 10 a.m. to 4,500 cfs, and hold them here for around a week, by current reservoir management plans."

Increased flows shouldn't cause problems for the recreating public, but changing flow rates should be noted as another reason to always practice safe habits while on, in or near the water, according to Pence. This gradual increase is one more factor to consider while enjoying the fishing and boating opportunities in beautiful north central Idaho.

"Another important caution that we want to advise our visitors about, though, is the increased amount of floating logs and other debris in the reservoir. As the lake has filled up this spring, we've seen a significant amount of material being dislodged from the shorelines around the reservoir and getting swept into the water. That makes it all the more important to observe boating safety rules and regulations, and good, common sense water safety practices," Pence said.

For information about the Corps' Dworshak Project, call Natural Resource Manager Erik Petersen or Park Manager Paul Pence at (208) 476-1261.

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